

phase peptide synthesis or by direct expression using recombinant DNA methods. Inventions I and III were considered unrelated, as they involve different process steps and act upon different substrates.

The applicants elect the subject matter of group I, as required in paragraph 5, for examination purposes. The applicants reserve the right to continue prosecution of non-elected subject matter (Groups II and III) in one or more divisional applications. The non-elected subject matter of groups II (claim 15), and III (claims 16-21) are withdrawn (not canceled) from prosecution. Under these circumstances, claims 1-14 would be pending and claims 15-21 are merely withdrawn from prosecution.

Informalities in the Specification

The disclosure was objected to, because Figure 1 contains sequences that are not listed in the sequence listing. A new sequence listing was prepared. A paper copy and electronic copy of the listing, on a floppy disk, are enclosed with this response, along with a statement under 37 CFR 1.821 (e) & (f) indicating that the two copies are identical.

Please amend the description of Figure 1 to include SEQ ID numbers. The following paragraph highlights the added text by underlining. A clean copy (without underlining) is enclosed on a separate page.

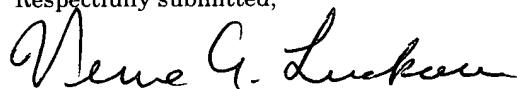
Figure 1 - Structure of Ala-hGH and hGH

A/ Human growth hormone (right) (SEQ ID NO: 8) is a single-chain polypeptide (22 kDa) with four cysteine residues involved in two disulfide bond linkages. The correct N-terminal sequence can be achieved by the *in-vitro* enzymatic cleavage of Ala-hGH (left) (SEQ ID NO: 9) with *Aeromonas* aminopeptidase.

Objections in the Drawings

The drawings are objected to, because Figure 1 misspells the first instance of the word "HORMONE". The applicants respectfully request that any amendments to the drawings be deferred, until any claims are noted as allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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